

Literature Connection: *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*

William Shakespeare’s play is based on the true story of the emperor of Ancient Rome. In order to understand the play, you must first learn about several “Roman Virtues,” qualities that Romans thought were important to have in their public and private lives. Romans believed that when they practiced these virtues in their lives, the virtues gave them the moral and ethical strength to conquer and “civilize” the rest of the world.

Roman Virtues:

Public Virtues	Personal Virtues
Competence (Fides)	Spiritual Authority (Auctoritas)
Justice (Iustitia)	Tenacity (Firmetas)
Liberality (Liberalities)	Respectability (Honestas)
Nobility (Nobilitas)	Dutifulness (Pietas)
Confidence and Security (Securitas)	Truthfulness (Veritas)

You will divide into groups of 2-3. Each group will be assigned a virtue and create a poster using Word Poster Templates. The poster must include the definition of the virtue and an illustration representful of their virtue. You will also include an example of a famous or historical person that they feel represents the virtue.